

Improving Partnerships and Communication

**Tuesday
April 1, 2003
11:00 - noon**

Discussions

- **Expand on discussions on issues raised during ASMFC, GSMFC, PSMFC, and Pacific Island presentations on regional perspectives**
- **Any additional issues from the States' viewpoint**
- **NOAA Fisheries Announcement on Improving Communications**

Communications Policy

- **The State-Federal Workgroup has recommended, and has been given the go ahead to:**
- **Develop an agency-wide policy that will result in the identification of a State-Federal contact and/or a process within each Region that will ensure open lines of communication among all NOAA Fisheries entities and the States.**

Communications Policy

- Will have flexibility on regional basis
- State-Federal Fisheries Division will work with Workgroup
- Draft policy, with range of options for regional implementation, to F - by June 30, 2003.
- Goal- implementation in each region during FY 2004.

Management Challenges

- **How can we Improve Coordination between State and Federal management decisions**
- **How can we prevent conflicting management measures/regulations**

